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Bill—I'll defer to Matt re: a call/meeting for the PA in the Balance steering committee. We'd welcome the opportunity to discuss the WIP kickoff and hope that everyone can attend the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Thanks

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Matt & Kristen:

PA Phase III Watershed Improvement Plan (WIP) Kickoff and Listening Session

**PA In Balance Advisory Council call prior to June 5 WIP Session**

Agenda (potential):

1. Highlight "PA in Balance" Report Initiatives (Matt Royer)
2. Review "EPA Expectations for Pennsylvania's Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan" (Kelly Shenk)
3. Discussion: Alignment of "Initiatives" and "Expectations" (Jennifer Reed-Harry)
4. Identify 3 or 4 priorities for WIP3 for Matt Royer to present on June 5 with specific commitments & responsibilities of Council members

Alignment of "Initiatives" and "Expectations"

**"PA in Balance" Report Initiative**

- Initiative 1. Increase Technical Capacity through Enhancements in Conservation Training Opportunities
- Initiative 2. Develop and Disseminate a Narrative Around a "Culture of Stewardship" through Soil and Stream Health
- Initiative 3. Develop New and Creative Incentives to Encourage a High Bar of Conservation Beyond Compliance
- Initiative 4. Develop and Deploy Delivery Mechanisms for Accelerating Conservation in Priority Watersheds

**EPA Expectations for Pennsylvania's Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan (April 27, 2017)**

1. (Alignment with Initiative 2) – Local Planning

*Local planning goals - action at county, municipal, and/or sub-watershed scales*

2. (Alignment with Initiative 3) – Recognition Program

*A strategy for implementation of initiatives, including Agriculture Recognition Programs and Agricultural Certainty, designed to implement nutrient management planning and other priority agricultural BMPs;*

*Efficient financing mechanisms that can achieve the highest levels of pollutant load reduction at least cost*

3. (Alignment with Initiative 4) - Priority practices & watersheds

*Publicly identifying priority practices and priority watersheds to target resources and implementation to maximize nutrient and sediment pollutant load reductions*

*Assist in identifying sources of nutrients and sediment, determining appropriate practices to reduce pollution flows, and calculating costs associated with selected actions*

Potential aligned WIP3 Priorities

1. Local Planning – focus on local stream restoration through rural & community collaboration

Partners: Conservation Districts, Municipal governments, Penn State, PA DEP

Goal: Every county have a watershed plan

2. Priority Acres (Control & Trap) – identify highest nutrient and sediment loss vulnerability

Partners: Conservation Districts, PA NRCS, USGS, PA DEP

Goal: Implement conservation practices and change crop rotation on the top 20% most vulnerable acres.

3. Farm Conservation Threshold – clear definition of individual farm responsibility

Partners: PA DEP, PDA, PA SCC, US EPA, Conservation Districts, PA FB

Goal: Launch PDA Recognition program with “compliance +” baseline

4. Nutrient Use Efficiency (Avoid) – economic & environmental (win:win) outcomes

Partners: PA FB, PA NRCS, PSU Extension, PA 4R Alliance – outreach & education

Goal: Maximize all on-farm & purchased sources of nutrients for crop production on 95% of farms

I look forward to our call to prepare for June 5.

Thanks, Bill Angstadt